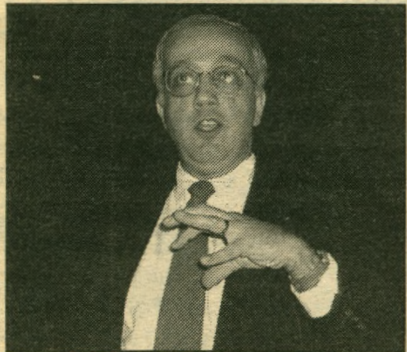




Forum erupts with deluge of student concerns



Dr. Anthony Cernera (Top Left) and Student Government President Jason Slattery (Top Right) speak at the State of the University address. Several students wait to ask questions (left).

All Photos by Matt Duda

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Student complaints and gripes have gradually accumulated this semester much like a large balloon slowly becomes inflated. Last Tuesday at the second annual State of the University Address, the balloon finally burst.

The SOTUA, which allowed about 350 students in attendance to fire questions directly at over a dozen administrators, began with addresses by Student Government President Jason Slattery and SHU President Anthony Cernera.

"We cannot guarantee every issue we are faced with," Slattery said. "However, we guarantee that we will work for a positive outcome."

In his remarks, Cernera pointed out some of the positives that Sacred Heart offers as an institution. He said that the faculty strives to instruct stu-

dents at a level that meets their expectations. "When I assess how we're doing on that, we're doing ok," Cernera said. "But we've got a lot more to do."

Cernera also recited plans to build a new academic facility and a church on campus. "We're now in the process of developing the architectural plans and the fundraising plans first to build a chapel and then to build a new classroom building."

Shortly after the question and answer portion of the forum began, it became evident that the two hour time allotment was insufficient. Dozens of students lined up at each of the two microphones to let their voices be heard.

The visitation policy, the hiring of a new football coach, and the laptop program were just a few issues that students challenged the panel of administrators on.

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SHU e-mail now available on Internet

By Brian Corasaniti
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Sacred Heart's Information Technology Department recently implemented the Microsoft Outlook Web Access program which will allow any Sacred Heart student to check his or her e-mail from any computer through the world wide web.

The program comes on the heels of SHU's switchover to the Outlook Express program for e-mail on new and repaired computers, replacing Microsoft Exchange. Exchange still

works as an e-mail client for older model SHU computers, but it is no longer being used on any new systems.

To use the program, students should go to <http://mail2.sacred-heart.edu/exchange> or they can go to <http://mail3.sacred-heart.edu/exchange> depending on which mail server the student is on.

To determine which server the student is on, they should go to

Start, Settings, Control Panel and then double click on Mail. On the properties section of the

"The ones who benefit most from this are commuters who aren't on the SHU LAN..." Mike Trimble, vice president for Information

Mail window, it lists whether the student is on Mail 2 or Mail 3. Faculty and staff are all on Mail 1. "The ones who benefit most from this are commuters who aren't on the SHU LAN,

Adjunct Instructors or students

who use the labs," said Mike Trimble, vice president for Information.

Once students have gotten to the website, they will be prompted to put in their username.

After that, another window will open prompting the student to enter another username and password. From there, the student should enter shudomain, backslash and then the username.

For the password, they should again enter the password used for their standard logon process.

Service program targets students new to volunteering

By Brenda Mendez
Contributing Writer

Campus Ministry and Service Learning will put together a week of reflection and service for students who did not have the opportunity to be involved in El Salvador or Community Connections.

CURTIS Week (Community Understanding and Reflection through Inner City Service) will center on the topic of diversity in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

The week will provide students with the opportunity to experience community life at St. Charles Urban Center in Bridgeport, where they will be living. The student fee is \$35.

"It's a week where you're part of a group," said Phyllis Machledt, director of Service Learning and Volunteer Programs.

Space is limited to 15 students and five leaders. Participants will be chosen by interest and experience. CURTIS Week does not require previous construction or service experience.

"The price is kept low so that anyone can afford it," said Machledt. "Students only have to bring with them a willing heart, willing hands and a sense of humor."

This pilot program is for students to explore first hand issues such as poverty, immigration, racism and changing economic conditions. Faculty and



File Photo

A new program will allow students to participate in community service activities like Helping Hands in January.

staff will be involved during the week.

"It's a work week, not the Hilton. You can't sleep in unless you're sick," said Machledt. "It's a no frills week to give stu-

dents the chance to build community with SHU."

Activities for the week will

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News Briefs

Applications sought for El Salvador project

Applications for those interested in participating in the Spring 1999 El Salvador Work Project are due on Jan. 18.

The project will take place during spring break, March 2 to 11. Up to 12 students will be chosen for the program. Students must apply and will be interviewed before the final selection is made.

Each student chosen is responsible for his or her airfare and passport costs, if needed. The estimated cost is between \$500 to \$575. The remainder of all costs will be covered by Sacred Heart. Applications can be picked up in the Office of Mission and Planning, Campus Ministry, Service Learning and Volunteer Programs and Student Activities Office.

For more information, call the Office of Mission and Planning at 365-4710 or 371-7904.

-Compiled by Brian Corasaniti

Forum: Students square off against SHU administration

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Perhaps the most heated argument occurred when several members of Omega Phi Kappa questioned the university's effort in recruiting minorities.

At one point, moderator Dr. Gary Rose ordered one speaker relinquish the microphone so another person could have the floor.

"I expected a lot of frustration," Rose said. "There's a lot of frustration with the transition that's going on at the university."

For the most part, the students seemed united with the audience member who held the microphone. Occasionally, the crowd appeared pleased with the

faculty response. Vice President for Technology Mike Trimble incited applause with his answers to concerns over the laptop program, particularly the help desk.

"Do I think Comp USA is a sorry outfit? You bet I do," said Trimble, who also indicated that he does not approve of the current laptop program.

Students appeared divided as to administrator response to student questions.

"Instead of answering them forward they went around them," said freshman Matthew Hales of Union, N.J.

Junior Janna Short of White Plains, N.Y., disagreed. "I thought they answered them very well. They were very concerned."

issues of diversity and poverty in the Bridgeport community will also be provided.

"There are issues of racism and prejudice on this campus and it's something we have to work on," said Machledt. "We have to ask ourselves why we have such extreme inequalities that are unfair. We can't just fear our differences."

Participants will also attend a Spanish Mass, a musical production and visit local ethnic restaurants. The week will close with a multicultural potluck dinner at Golden Hill Methodist Church.

"If you want to learn and meet people who are interesting, CURTIS Week is a good place to meet them," said Machledt.

Applications can be found in the offices of Service Learning, Campus Ministry and the Multicultural Center and are due at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 at SC-125 or the Campus Ministry office.

For more information, call Phyllis Machledt at 365-7622 in Service Learning and Volunteer Programs or Angela Bowden at 365-4632.

SHU students visit debate

By Alexis P. Harrison
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday the College Republicans, an organization at Sacred Heart, traveled to Manchester, N.H. to witness the Second Republican Presidential Candidate Debate.

The night was filled with snappy remarks and accusations from millionaire Steve Forbes to Texas Governor George W. Bush, who is the leading candidate for the Republican Party in the Presidential campaign.

Forbes, who is the CEO and publisher of Forbes Magazine is largely financing his campaign and the Texas Governor stuck closely to his theme that he has proven leadership records and could bring the American people together.

"There's only one person in this stage who has been in a chief executive position as a Governor of a state, our second largest state, and that is me," said Bush.

Bush, who had recently come under debate himself as being labeled "unintellectual" because he could not name other politicians from around the world, seemed unfazed as he rifled through oncoming questions.

Alexis Dionne, a political science major from Lanconia,

N.H. said that Bush, "made no major mistakes during his first debate and demonstrated himself as a proven leader."

Bush fielded many questions about the present situation in Iraq, and what he would do with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein if there were a confrontation.

"The American people want to see these candidates' agenda for the next century, not name calling and attack," Michael DiPietro, a sophomore from Seaford, N.Y.

"If I found in any way, shape and form that he was developing weapons of mass destruction, I'd take them out," said Bush.

It was Bush's father, former United States President George Bush who declined to march on Baghdad and remove Hussein from power when he had the chance after the Gulf War in 1991.

"I'm surprised he's still there," said the younger Bush. "I think a lot of people are."

Forbes' campaign announced that he has secured the prized endorsement of the conservative Manchester paper, Union Leader, New Hampshire's largest newspaper. The paper described Forbes as "one tough, smart customer who can be the strong principle leader America needs."

Forbes said that Bush, who announced a \$483 billion tax cut package, is not advocating the abolition of the capital gains tax on Internet commerce and opened the door to raising the retirement age from 65 to 67 or possible older.

Michael DiPietro, a sophomore political science major from Seaford, N.Y., said that there was no need for Forbes' mud-slinging attacks on the Governor.

"I personally thought Forbes looked foolish with his ceaseless accusations to Gov. Bush," said DiPietro. "The American people want to see these candidates' agenda for the next century, not name calling and attacks."

Recent polls show that Governor Bush still holds the lead nomination with Arizona Senator John McCain following a close second.

Forbes, who was expected make bigger strides for his campaign, continues to trail Bush measurably.

UMOJA and the Spectrum Present...

Changing Faces Calendar Photography Contest

- * Contest dates: January 27 to February 18.
- * Students may submit an action photo with negatives that shows the essence of Sacred Heart which the student feels truly depicts SHU.
- * Clubs may submit photos with negatives they feel exhibit the essence of SHU.
- * Photos may be color or black and white. All photos will be returned.
- * Please include a brief description of the photo. Submitted photos must be accompanied with name of photographer, name of submitter, names of individuals in photo (where applicable), student ID number, grade, address and phone number.
- * There is no limit to the number to submissions per individual or club, but any individual or club may only win once.
- * Winning photos will be published in the 2000-2001 Changing Faces Calendar. Winners will also receive a free copy of the calendar
- * Photos may not be discriminatory against race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.
- * Judging panel will consist of selected UMOJA members, Spectrum staff, SHU faculty/staff and professional photographers.
- * Submit all photos to:

Changing Faces Calendar Contest
Sacred Heart University
MC 1749
5151 Park Ave.
Fairfield, CT 06432

- * Photos must be received by February 18.

Service: Program made for those not previously involved

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include work at Habitat for Humanity, Merton House, Remesa East Elderly Day Care Center, Caroline House and tutoring at Columbus and Marin schools.

"The purpose of these activities is to expose students to as much differences as possible," said Machledt. "The group will include an interesting mix of men, women and classes"

Evening discussions with faculty, students and community leaders will be held for participants to reflect on the experiences of the day. Special emphasis will be placed on their social, political and religious implications.

"The word immersion is an accurate one to describe this intense week," said Machledt. "It's about students living in a community, working together and then discussion what they have seen and learned."

Issues of racism and prejudice in the community and on the SHU campus will be discussed. An introduction to the

Study abroad going strong

By Elena Rosero
Contributing Writer

Some Sacred Heart have been pondering the question of studying abroad for quite some time.

"It's a wonderful experience for students to take the opportunity to study abroad. It gives students the chance to see that life is not only defined by U.S. standards, culture and values," said Claire Paolini, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and director of Study Abroad.

The most popular sites where SHU students choose to study are Ireland, England, Australia and Italy. As the semester winds down, several students are discovering whether they have been accepted to study abroad.

"The waiting process can be a little frustrating," said Christopher Cirri, a junior from West Hempstead, N.Y. Cirri has applied to a school in Italy, where he hopes to broaden his artistic skills.

"Not only can students broaden their knowledge of their major, but studying abroad is

truly time for self discovery," added Paolini.

Students who have gone to Paolini after going abroad have said that the things they learned most were about themselves.

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They said they had a better understanding of what their goals were and who they really were.

John Roney, associate professor of history, said he shares a similar opinion with Paolini. He said he feels the global dimension is important to understand, but, "you can't just study it, you have to experience it."

Roney has been putting together a study abroad program

for spring 2000 in Luxembourg. Students admitted to this program must have at least sophomore status and have achieved a 2.75 or better grade point average.

"This particular program is exceptional because Luxembourg is very cosmopolitan. Sixty percent of the population are foreigners. This gives the students a taste of many cultures by just being in one area," said Roney.

If one is giving studying abroad serious thought, Paolini said she feels that the earlier a student contacts her, perhaps one year in advance, the better it is for the student. "The students need to plan what course electives they would save to study abroad so it will not conflict with their major classes they should study at Sacred Heart," said Paolini.

Elena Serendi, a junior from Waterbury, who is planning to study in Ireland said, "The applying process is rather annoying, but I know it will be well worth it in the end. If it has crossed any one's mind, I think they should take the leap and start planning now."

Public Safety Releases

Incident Report from Nov. 24 to Dec. 2

Nov. 24: 12:26 a.m.- West Hall, sixth floor fire alarm caused by a discharged fire extinguisher.

12:28 a.m.- Officer reported someone discharged a fire extinguisher in West Hall on the fifth floor stairwell.

4:42 p.m.- South Hall, second floor fire alarm was caused by a resident who accidentally kicked the detector while sleeping.

11:03 a.m.- West Hall Residence Hall Director requested Public Safety at West Hall. Public Safety responded and confiscated drug paraphernalia.

2:25 p.m.- West Hall, sixth floor fire alarm; no problem found.

Nov. 27: 3:00 a.m.- Officer observed a suspicious person at East Hall. The person appeared to be in an altered mental state. Bridgeport Police were called. At 3:36 a.m. another officer on campus observed the suspicious person. Fairfield Police were called and responded. AMR ambulance was called and transported the individual to the hospital.

3:28 a.m.- Pitt Center fire alarm; no problems found.

Nov. 28: 2:03 a.m.- Main Building fire alarm; no problem found.

4:02 p.m.- Cafeteria fire alarm caused by smoke from the grill.

4:20 p.m.- East Hall resident reported he received a threatening telephone call. Public Safety responded and investigated.

7:07 p.m.- Officer observed a suspicious person on campus near the Library. The person was waiting for a friend that was using the facility.

8:05 p.m.- South Hall, sixth floor fire alarm caused by burnt food.

9:11 p.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported the theft of cologne from her room. Public Safety responded and investigated.

Nov. 29: 10:40 a.m.- Faculty member reported the theft of his portable zip drive for his computer from his office in the Main Building. Public Safety responded and investigated.

11:41 a.m.- Student reported he injured his ankle while walking on the sidewalk by the entrance to the Main Building across from the old gym.

9:39 p.m.- Officer reported a Public Safety vehicle was involved in a minor motor vehicle accident; no injuries. Bridgeport Police were called and responded.

10:43 p.m.- South Hall resident reported she has been receiving harassing telephone calls. Public Safety responded and investigated.

Nov. 30: 9:05 a.m.- South Hall third floor fire alarm; no problem found.

2:42 p.m.- Staff member reported he was involved in a minor motor vehicle accident with a shuttle van; no injuries. Fairfield Police were called and responded.

7:50 p.m.- Officer cited two residents for an alcohol violation in the South Hall handicap parking area; form completed and sent to Residential Life and the Dean.

Dec. 1: 9:52 a.m.- West Hall resident became ill; Public Safety responded and transported the resident to Health Services.

7:51 p.m.- Resident reported there was a minor motor vehicle accident in front of West Hall; no injuries. Public Safety responded and both parties declined police notification; information was exchanged.

Dec. 2: 4:07 a.m.- South Hall, first floor fire alarm caused by cigarette smoke.

5:42 a.m.- Park Avenue House burglar alarm, basement door activation; no problems found.

1:00 p.m.- Staff member reported he injured his finger while working on the roof of the Main Academic Building. Public Safety responded and treated the injury.

1:55 p.m.- Student reported she was involved in a minor motor vehicle accident in the North Parking Lot; no injuries. She hit a parked vehicle. Public Safety responded and investigated. The owner of the other vehicle was not present and a note was left on the vehicle. At 3:23 p.m. the owner of the other vehicle came to the Public Safety. Fairfield Police were called and responded.

10:17 p.m.- Parkridge neighbor complained of the Parkridge residents parking on the neighboring side streets. He stated that in the future he will attempt to have the vehicles towed if they continuously park on the side streets.

Dec. 2: 12:57 a.m.- East Hall resident reported she has been receiving harassing telephone calls. Public Safety responded and investigated.

1:09 a.m.- West Hall resident reported he was assaulted off campus at a local bar. Public Safety responded and investigated. He refused medical assistance and police notification.

1:13 a.m.- East Hall resident reported the theft of his laptop computer from his room. Public Safety responded and investigated. Resident was unsure if the door was secured. Bridgeport Police were called and responded.

1:15 a.m.- Intoxicated East Hall resident became ill. Public Safety responded. Further medical assistance was declined.

1:21 a.m.- Officer reported someone vandalized a picture in East Hall on the eighth floor. The picture was hanging on the wall in the lounge area. Buildings and Grounds was called to clean up the glass.

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Editorials

Early Christmas for SHU network users

Perhaps the greatest Christmas present to Sacred Heart students was delivered last week in the form of an upgraded computer network.

For years, we've been plagued by a sluggish and unreliable system. Thanks to new blood in the telecommunications department, these troubles appear to be a thing of the past.

Hopefully, we won't have to cross our fingers and pray every time we try to access our e-mail or search for information on the internet from now on. Some of us couldn't bear the thought of not being able to get the latest on the Giants from ESPN's web site, or incur ridiculous long distance charges because the AOL Instant Messenger is not functioning.

The only downfall of the upgrade is that it took so long to happen. Although improvements had been promised for years, no noticeable changes took place until recently.

Hopefully administrators will cease to make idle promises and not follow up on them.

The season of giving is upon us, so give!!!!!!

OK, it's the holidays. That means it's time to gather with your families and celebrate. But for many of our fellow citizens, it's not a reason for celebration. While we have the luxury of receiving a \$20,000 a year education, many out there do not.

The next time you're crying to your friends about how broke you are, keep in mind that there are people out there worse off than you. Many may never have the joy of shelling out \$30 dollars for a pre-worn t-shirt at Abercrombie or spend three to four nights a week having a great old time bouncing from club to club like a good portion of our student body.

Let's face it, we have it pretty sweet. We don't live in a cardboard box on a street corner, we don't have to worry about where our next meal is coming from (insert lame Flik joke here) and we don't have the burden of no support systems to help us in times of need.

This University offers a plethora of community service programs that give the students the opportunity to help those less fortunate than themselves. Take advantage of helping others especially this time of year. Not only will it likely make someone else's day brighter, you will also feel better about yourself.

SHU pastor sounds off on relationships

Editor's Note: The following are excerpts taken from a speech given to a News Writing and Reporting class at Sacred Heart.



By
**Fr. Mike
McLernon**

The thing that concerns me and worries me is that I see the students who are at a developmental point in their lives when they are beginning to investigate and look for the person they want to spend the rest of their lives with.

That's the developmental task of the undergraduate—that is to really begin to put some energy into, some time into, some thought into, what kind of person do I want to spend the rest of my life with. What kind of person do I want to build a community with so that I can be

part of that community?

We've gone from, let's look at what marriage is, to let's pretend we're married, and I think that's the danger. It's a disaster. Because relationships that are supposed to be transient and temporary and somewhat superficial as people begin to investigate where they belong with one another, go from being that, and I don't even have a chance to be that.

They jump right into bed, and the sexual part of that relationship is so compelling that every other part of that relationship gets underdeveloped.

Couples counseling in college (and I've been in Campus Ministry since 1972) used to be learning how to dance around one another. Dating ought to be this wonderfully elaborate dance that in the long run ought to be fun. It isn't any more. We've stopped dancing, and we've just started coupling.

Couples counseling then

was trying to help people get over broken hearts, and now it's people come in and you are trying to repair lives and it sounds like they've been married for 20 years and now getting divorced.

That bothers me because it ultimately interferes with people's ability to make good judgments about how much of themselves they are going to share with another person and whether or not they are going to take the risk of sharing with that other person the rest of their life.

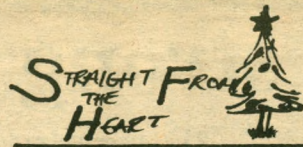
The parents pretend it is not happening. You have no idea the number of parents who come here for orientation and they say to me, "Oh Father I feel so... You know what I mean Father... You are going to keep them safe... Right Father?" Their kids stand there with a look on their faces like, "Oh you poor dope. You don't know what I'm doing yet, do you?"

We have freshman and sophomore couples pretending

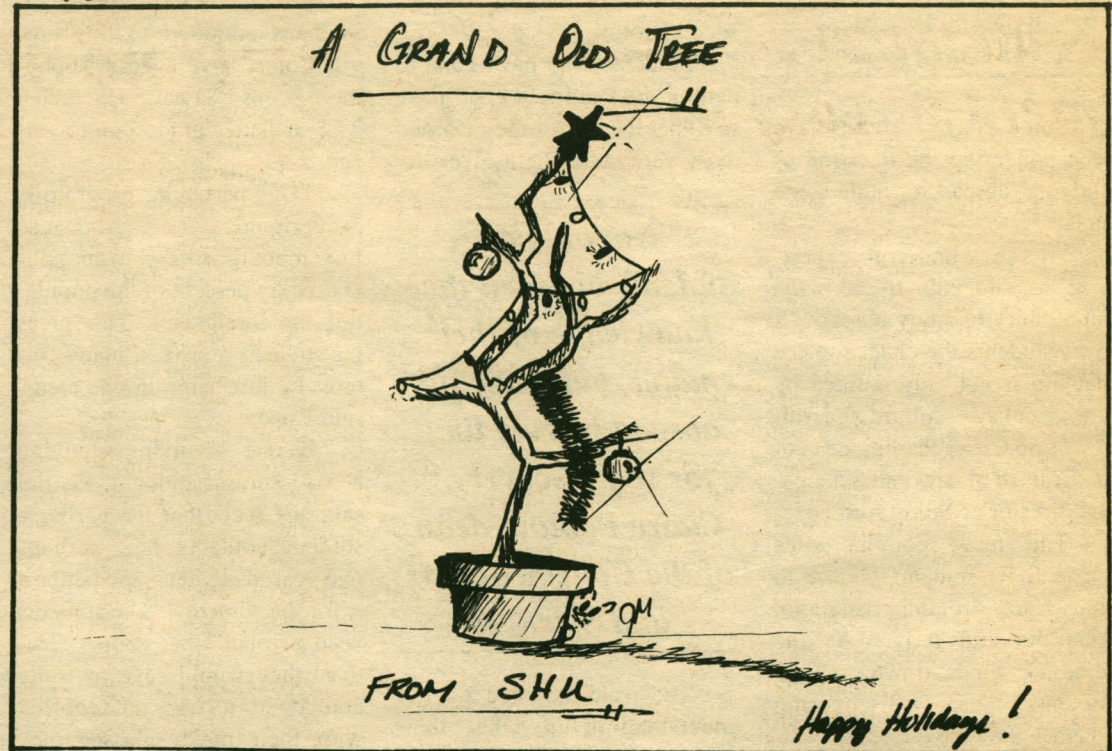
they are married. If they are going to end up having a good, solid, relationship with someone later in life, unfortunately they're going to have to have to do a lot of repair work before they can begin.

Some people say the problem with me is that I take it too seriously. Spending the weekend with somebody and having sexual relations all weekend long is nothing. You walk away from it and it means nothing. Wow. That's even worse.

I think it's an issue here. I think it's an issue on every campus. I think it's an issue that comes out of the society. I feel really sorry for kids being born because unless we turn the thing around and stop pretending that there isn't anything really worthwhile in life... and that these poor people are swimming around not knowing where they came from, it's the worst thing that can happen to us as human beings.



By Jeff Murray



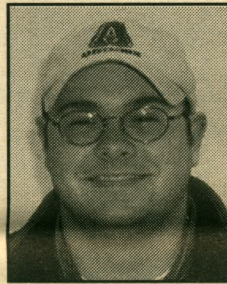
The SHU Voices

Do you think winter intersession classes are a viable option for students who want to get ahead or catch up?



Brandi Blevins
Owings, Maryland

"Yes, because hours are extended and you give up your winter break."



Scott Tears
Red Hook, N.Y.

"I do because I was faced with the situation to take summer intersession to complete my core requirements."



Peter Hahn
Staten Island, N.Y.

"I think it's a very viable option. I've known many people who have used these classes to get credits."

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Student upset with placement in easy math class

Dear Editor,

I remember when our freshman class was inducted into this University, we were told that our class was academically the most talented in the University's history. If his school knew we were so "academically talented," how come it did not prepare for us.

So far, I have realized that high school was more difficult than college. In my senior year in high school, I took a full year of calculus. I expected to be challenged in college and I was actually dreading college math courses. To my surprise, when I registered for this fall, I was placed in MA 109, math for

decision making.

I was not offered a placement test and I was simply placed in this math class because that was a requirement for a business major.

After three or four weeks of being completely bored in class and not learning a thing, I finally started to get irritated. I don't understand why I couldn't at least place out of this class instead of wasting my time and money in a class that compares to my high school sophomore year math class.

Karen Kingsbury
Freshman

Mass offers friendly environment that should stay in Old Gym and not be moved to Mahogany Room

Dear Editor,

When I came to visit, I was told of the family atmosphere that Sacred Heart University had to offer me. The place where I have really felt this is at Mass on Sunday evening. After recently hearing that they are moving mass into the Mahogany Room to make room for offices in the old gym, I was upset.

I have gone to Mass almost every Sunday and every time it has been a good experience. I really like the atmosphere of Mass in the gym and I think that it would lose a lot of meaning if we had to split up the Masses and be in a more closed place.

I know that offices are important but I think at a Catholic college Mass is important too. I feel that Sacred Heart is lucky to have enough people that go to mass that they should not mess with a good thing.

Katie Schelle
Freshman

SHU no different than high school

Dear Editor,

I believe that Sacred Heart University is mostly the same as high school. Besides being restricted more than when living with your parents, the teaching at this university is the same, or maybe even lower than my high school.

I am not trying to give anyone the impression that all the teachers here are horrible. I have some teachers here that are exactly how I thought college professors should be. I have a professor who I think is the best

teacher that I have ever had. He is demanding, but he is loose enough that he lets us students speak our minds in our work. He shows us that we are only wrong when we hide what we are feeling.

The other teachers that I have this semester are mostly lecturers. This is college, so I understand that the teachers just teach in their most comfortable way.

I feel that if this university wants the students to do their best and learn, they should have

professors that are more about the students instead of the job.

In high school, the teachers had lecture classes, but they always made sure that there was an interactive class for each test topic.

The more that the professors here show that they care about their student, the more the students will care about the class.

Amy Boss
Freshman

Pledging sorority leads to lifelong friendships and great experiences

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to Greek Life on campus. I am one of the many students who decided to pledge this fall. In the beginning, I was wary about doing it. I was worried about what I would have to do and why. I also questioned my motives. Why did I pledge in the first place? What will I really get out of this experience?

Now I can answer these

questions. I know exactly why I did it and I know how much I have gotten out of this experience. I have made the best friends and met some wonderful people. My pledge class grew so strong together. I am grateful for the experiences that I have gone through and I would do it all over again.

Samantha Beaudoin
Freshman

SHU freshman happy with Classroom Learning Assistants

Dear Editor,

As a freshman, I still have a lot to learn about the school. However, there is one main advantage at Sacred Heart that I would like to address to you. The Classroom Learning Assistants are a big help. They provide students with their knowledge, time and commitment. They also do this at no cost.

Honestly, in some of my classes I think that I would be lost without their help. The CLA's really get on a one to one basis with you. They give you the personal attention that some teachers may not provide. They deserve a lot more credit and attention than they get.

Lindsay Hughes
Freshman

Happy Holidays from the Spectrum!!!

That's it for this year. Look for us to return on Jan. 27 for the Spring 2000 semester. Have a safe and festive holiday season (and all you underage kids, lay off the eggnog)!

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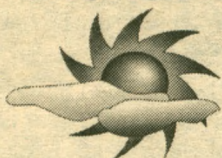
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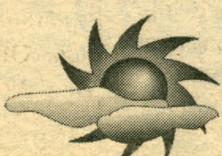
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Features

UMOJA gives special meaning to holiday season *Thanksgiving fund-raiser donates \$2400 into homes of needy families*

By Keysha Whitaker
Contributing Writer

This Thanksgiving, Sacred Heart students decided to show a little heart and give to those less fortunate than themselves.

Advised by Cam Farrar, assistant director of the William H. Pitt Center, UMOJA, an African-American Organization of SHU students, sponsored the Meals for the Hungry Program. Meals for the Hungry allowed caring Sacred Heart students to donate money directly off their meal card for needy families.

Thanks to the generosity and compassion of the Sacred Heart community, the UMOJA Meals for the Hungry Drive raised close to \$2400. The money was split between St. Luke's Food Pantry in the East End of Bridgeport, and Golden Hill Methodist Church of Bridgeport.

Junior Marvin Royal of UMOJA was responsible for the organization of the drive.

Royal worked closely with Flik management in order to make the drive a success.

"First I would like to thank the students for participation and helping out. The program was a complete success. I would also

like to say thank you to Flik. Everyone was very helpful. There were no problems," said Royal.

The Meals for the Hungry Drive took place on November 9 to 19.

Meals for the Hungry required a minimum of a \$4 donation. Fortunately, some students decided to give just a little bit more. Some students contributed as much as \$50 on a single donation.

"I think the food drive is a really good cause. I know that there are people out there that could use the money more," said Jennifer Jackson, a junior from Rhode Island. "I know that they are being prayed for and helped out by the students and faculty here at SHU."

Royal is extremely pleased with the success of the drive and is positive about the future.

"We plan to do this again next semester. Hopefully, the drive will raise twice the amount of money next year," said Royal.

After the food drive, the Class of 2003 and UMOJA sponsored an after-party for the SHU men's basketball home opener on Nov. 19 against the University of Hartford.



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Members of UMOJA have been involved in many fund-raisers to give back to the community

Class of 2003 President Tom Pesce felt the party was a tremendous success.

"I felt that both sponsoring groups did an awesome job in advertising that is why we had such a great response," said Pesce.

According to Pesce, the Class of 2003 believes it set the standard for other fund raisers to come.

"Everyone who came saw what a success it was and they'll want to come to other things we

want to sponsor. It was a better turnout than we expected," said Pesce.

In October, UMOJA took first place for best banner at the Midnight Madness competition. They also participated in a walk for sickle cell anemia in September.

So, what's next for UMOJA?

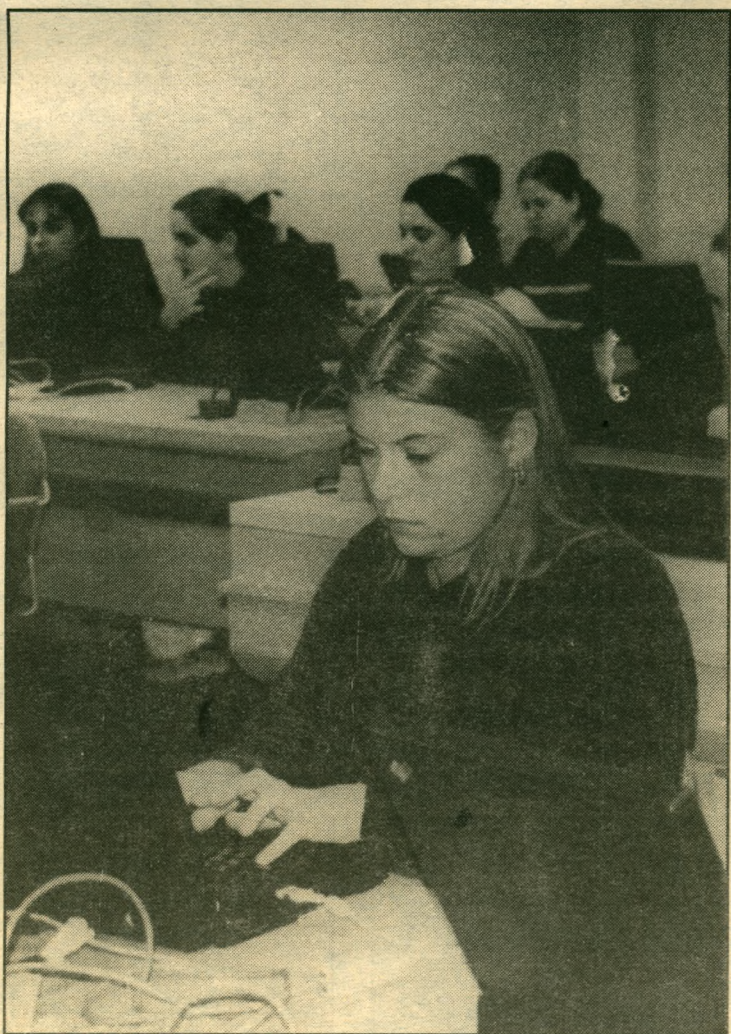
In the near future Changing Faces of Sacred Heart, a SHU calendar produced by UMOJA and the Spectrum will be

released. The calendar will be available in April for the 2000-2001 year.

There will be a photography contest for those individuals who wish to submit an action photo of SHU students showing the essence of Sacred Heart, its changing face. Winning photos will be published in the calendar.

UMOJA is open to all SHU students. UMOJA meets weekly, Monday nights at 8 p.m. in the Pitt Center.

Final's Week nearing; causing stress among students *Recent study shows stress could be factor in causing various illnesses*



File photo

Many students find themselves studying harder during Finals Week, a characteristic that may result in stress related illness.

By Julie Tarpinian
Contributing Writer

Well, it's that time of year once again. Finals are upon us for the first time this year. For many students, all night cram sessions and binge studying will be in order for the entire week. For some of us, the stress that results from Finals Week could result in an illness.

A recent study in the New York Times has shown that stress can in fact cause sickness.

"Chronic stress lasting a month or more affects the risk of catching a cold," said Jane Brody in a recent article. "Stress based on being unemployed or underemployed or having problems with family or friends has the greatest influence in determining which people catch colds."

According to researchers at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, people under severe stress are more likely to catch a cold when exposed to a virus than people under milder stress.

Psychologist Dr. Sheldon Cohen found that the higher a

persons' stress score on a standard test, the more likely the person was to develop a cold virus.

According to Cohen, stress is an important risk factor even when smoking, lack of exercise, poor diet, disturbed sleep and alcohol consumption was taken into account. Some of these characteristics can be experienced when studying excessively.

"Severe stress for more than a month but less than six months doubled a person's risk of a cold," said Cohen.

Stress is not an unfamiliar trait among Sacred Heart University students, especially around this time of year.

Brook Myers, a sophomore from Stamford, attributes most of her stress-related symptoms to academic presentations.

"I feel drawn out and tired when I feel stress," said Myers. "I learn to cope by taking one thing at a time."

Vinny Mallozzi, a junior from Fairfield, says that the exam period stresses him out the most.

"I just try to study until I feel confident," said Mallozzi.

"I like to take a test knowing that I studied as hard as I could."

According to Karen Scannell of the Counseling Center on campus, there are many warning signs to stress. Muscle tension, headaches, changes in appetite and sleep patterns, upset stomach, poor concentration, and high irritability are all signs.

"The most stressful times of the year for students is probably the first week of school and finals week," said Scannell. She also stated that there are factors other than academics that can cause stress.

Relationships, family problems, illness, living conditions and getting adjusted to the environment all have been known to cause stress.

Scannell offered many tips to cope with stress.

According to Scannell, students should identify why they are feeling stressed, participate in physical exercise, talk to someone, know your limits, take care of yourself and make relaxation a priority.

"Read a book, listen to music, go to the movies or try meditation," said Scannell.

Duo at Tibetan Coffeehouse sings for freedom



Photo by Gabriel Bonanni

Lakedhen Shingsur and Marie-Claude Moriarty play ancient Tibetan and Nepalese music at the Tibetan Coffeehouse.

By Gabriel Bonanni
Staff Writer

On November 18 in the Mahogany Room, Sacred Heart students and faculty enjoyed the sounds of Tibet at the Tibetan Coffeehouse.

Flautist Lakedhen Shingsur brought the echoes of the once inhabitants of this mountainous Asian land to the audience through ancient Tibetan and Nepalese folk music.

Dressed in a traditional gray Tsupa robe with a Kyara belt and black leather boots, Shingsur told the students about the persecution of ethnic Tibetans by the Chinese.

Shingsur, who studied the flute in his homeland India, learned from the elder exiled Tibetans and passed on the art to younger generations.

The exiled government provides many schools in India for the preservation of their culture. They hand down ancient stories from one generation to the next and Shingsur relayed them to the audience.

Shingsur was joined by Marie-Claude Moriarty, who played percussion from guitar to drum through most of the songs.

"The audience was very receptive and the setting was

great. It's unusual for a coffeehouse. I feel really welcome here," Moriarty shared.

One of the more memorable songs that the duo had played was a Nepalese love song, a tambourine-filled tune that resembled a round dance.

"I recognized the Nepalese ballads. It brought me back to my school days when we used to sing them," said Jitendra Shrestha, a junior originally from Nepal. "It was a catchy tune and it made me think of my friends back home."

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An ancient piece sang the praises of a horse with the rapid rolling of Shingsur's fingers along the flute in the beat of a majestic gallop.

His songs were filled with the trials and tribulations of the

Tibetan people as they traveled from their homeland. A melancholy ballad pleaded for the support of the Tibetan cause, as the smooth sounds spread through the crowd.

"They were very soothing tunes, I liked them," said first year student Sheetal Mundra, originally from India.

Shingsur concluded the night by informing students about Students for a Free Tibet (SFT), an organization where students could be active in helping the native Tibetans presently in the land.

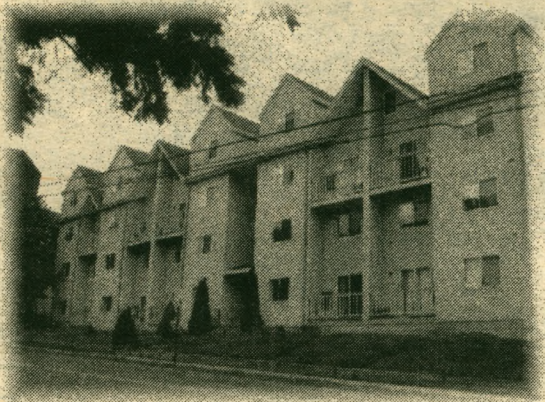
Shingsur encouraged students to start their own SFT chapters by calling 1-888-SF-Tibet.

"I am very pleased to play at Sacred Heart University," said Shingsur. "I hope for support from the students of our cause."

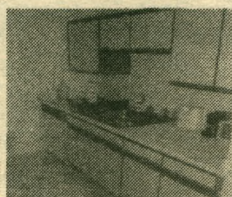
Last Thursday, the Coffeehouse series concluded with the percussion of the African Coffeehouse in the Faculty Lounge.

Tonight, the fifth annual International Holiday Cafe and Pub will be held at 8:30 in the Mahogany Room. Circolo Italiano and Dr. Anthony Cerneria are promoting the Italian theme, "La Cantata di Natale".

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International Holiday Cafe and Pub Tonight

"La Cantata di Natale," an annual holiday tradition with an Italian twist will be held at 8:30 p.m. tonight in the Mahogany Room. Indulge in homemade holiday treats and fine beverages from around the world. A spectacular theatrical and vocal performance will be given by I Giullari di Piazza, the renowned Italian-American renaissance performance troupe from N.Y. Admission is free for all SHU students with ID and \$8 general admission.

The event is sponsored by the International Multicultural Center, Circolo Italiano, the President's Office, and the International Club.

Any plans for Spring Break?

Traveland, a travel agency in Bridgeport, is sponsoring a package deal to Cancun, Mexico. Stay for 7 nights at the Solymar Resort for \$619 a person. Price includes roundtrip airfare, accommodations for 7 nights, and discount admission to all the local night clubs. An additional meal plan is available for \$49 per person. Cancellation insurance costs \$35. Call Traveland for more information about their Spring Break rates at 371-1114.

Prize for anonymous survey given

All SHU black female students who filled out a questionnaire last month on "The Socio-political issues and feelings about the physical self in black women," should stop by Dr. Cauvin's office in HC 219 this week with your raffle ticket stub to find out if you are the winner. A \$100 prize will be rewarded.

-Compiled by Mike Kuchar



A&E

Arts & Entertainment

Works exhibit variety of styles, ideas

By Frances Moore
A&E Editor

The Gallery of Contemporary Art at Sacred Heart held a reception Tuesday, marking the opening of their annual Faculty Art Exhibit.

By 5:00 p.m. that day, the Gallery was crowded with students, faculty and various people from outside the University.

Every year, the faculty from Sacred Heart's Art Department is invited to share artwork with the community. Each faculty member is allowed to submit two works of any variety.

Jack DeGaffenreid, assistant professor of art, explained, "Some of the pieces are displayed for professional reasons."

Others, he said, may be displayed purely for personal gratification.

This year he submitted two works, one watercolor, and one color pencil.

Many of the students in attendance were very impressed with their professors' works.

Dena Murray, a senior art student, said, "It's great because we never get to see [their work] really."

Junior Carlin Guarneri, from West Haven, Conn., said, "We get to see a lot of different styles and mediums."

She added, "I was actually looking forward to this exhibit."



Photo by Brian Corasaniti

Art student Carlin Guarneri gets a chance to evaluate some of her professors' works at the Faculty Art Exhibit in the Gallery. The exhibit will run until Jan. 20.

We can put a personality to the paintings."

On Wednesday, sculptor Carey E. McDougall gave an Artist's Talk to students and faculty entitled "Domestic Forms: Houses, Dresses & the Sewing Needle."

Her talk discussed the themes and thinking behind her work. Professor of Art Virginia Zic, who also contributed her watercolors to the exhibit, commented on McDougall's work.

"She concentrates on the dress forms and they act as a form of symbolism as well," she said.

Other faculty members who have displayed their artwork are

Stefan Buda (sculpture), Steven R. DiGiovanni (oil on canvas), Camille Eskell (mixed media), Ted Gutsa (mixed media), Daniel Huydies (acrylic on canvas) and Ginny Rogers (drawings and watercolors).

The exhibit will be in the Gallery until Thursday, Jan. 20. The Gallery is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 7 p.m., and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. It will be closed during the holidays from Dec. 20 to Jan. 10, and again on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 17. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Sophia Gevas or Jeffery Smith at 365-7650.

DMB arrives in time for the holidays

By Justin Liberman and
Brian McGrath
Contributing Writers

The temperature is falling, and mall hours are increasing. That can only mean one thing: the holidays are coming.

One gift that is sure to put smiles on people's faces is the latest Dave Matthews Band album.

"Listener Supported" contains 20 tracks, all of which were recorded live at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, N.J.

The new CD features special guest Butch Taylor on keyboards. Taylor's exquisite keyboard skills blend in with and contribute to the band's combination of rock, funk, jazz and world rhythms.

In addition to Taylor are three background singers that contribute their talents to such songs as "Stay" and "Granny."

Once again, Boyd Tinsely's violin mixes with Leroi Moore's soothing saxophone to form a balance of quick, floating melodies.

Among the 20 tracks are three previously unreleased songs, "#40," "True

Reflections" and a cover of The Band's classic "Long Black Veil."

Sophomore John Ruggerio, from East Haven, said, "'Long Black Veil' is an amazing cover."

He added, "Other than 'All Along the Watchtower,' 'Long Black Veil' is the best cover I have heard in a while."

"Listening to the album reminds me of the concert I went to in Hartford and brings back a lot of memories," -Denise Farina, sophomore.

Familiar songs like "Jimi Thing," "#41" and "Crash Into Me" provide a classic DMB setting for any of their fans.

But some enjoy "Listener Supported," for a more nostalgic reason.

Denise Farina, a sophomore from Holbrook, N.Y., said, "The songs on the album are the same songs he played this summer on his tour. Listening to the album reminds me of the concert I

went to in Hartford and brings back a lot of memories."

DMB's previous album, "Live at Red Rocks," which came out in 1997, debuted at number three on Billboard's 200 chart, and Dave Matthews' solo album with Tim Reynolds debuted at number two.

The band has a large college following, with a type of fanaticism that is similar to "Deadheads."

"I've been a fan of the Dave Matthews Band for five years now, and I still think they are great," said John Sakowich, a sophomore from Woburn, Mass.

The band recorded the show for a PBS concert special that was aired on Sept. 11. The full-length video is also in stores.

Since the release of their first album some six years ago, DMB has sold over 15 million albums, and has become the most successful touring band in America.

"Listener Supported" reinforces two things that DMB fans already know: the band truly appreciates their fan base, and they are best when they are on-stage.

Both the CD and video are available in stores now.

Wizardry wins out: Do craze and Christianity coincide?

By Sandy Goldbeck
Contributing Writer

Purple lightening bolts temporarily tattooed on foreheads have become a trademark for kids. Why? Just read the latest "Harry Potter" book, and you'll discover the latest craze in children's books.

Whiz-kid Harry Potter is an unassuming, scrawny 11 year-old, marked by baggy clothes and broken eyeglasses.

But Harry is not a normal kid. He is a wizard-in-training, marked by a purple lightening bolt on his forehead. In stories, written by J. K. Rowling, Harry is taken through mystical and magical adventures.

The stories are filled with imaginative, original characters. Throughout the stories are flying wizards, and strange happenings.

They appeal to many different types of children because they emphasize the universal desire for fun.

And Rowling is able to take readers through magical adventures without frightening children.

Harry-mania has enchanted and captivated adult readers as well.

Elaine Halstead, mother of a college student, is mesmerized by the books.

"I bought the book for my 19 year-old daughter for fun," Halstead said.

"I started to read it, and it held my interest immediately. It was imaginative, clever, exciting and suspenseful. I couldn't put it down," she added.

Rowling is a 34-year-old English writer. Just nine years ago, she was facing life as an unemployed single mother.

During a dreary train ride across England, she fabricated Harry and his world. Now her world has become "Harry."

Her books have sold more than 7 million copies, and hit the number one, two and three spots on The New York Times Bestseller List, all in the same week.

So far, three magical books have delighted readers. The latest sensation is called "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban."

A fourth book is scheduled for release next summer.

A movie will be coming out in the summer of 2001. Warner Brothers is currently seeking a suitable director, "making it the hottest contest for a movie job since MGM put out an open casting call for Scarlet O'Hara," according to John Lippman, writer for the Wall Street Journal.

Despite all this, though, the books have come under scrutiny lately.

Certain religious groups claim that "Harry Potter" is a negative influence to children and can entice young minds to anti-Christian witchcraft.

They feel that the books should be banned from schools and libraries.

It is the opinion of this writer that banning "Harry Potter" could result in the banning of other favorites, such as "The Wizard of Oz" or "The Chronicles of Narnia," which are also books about fantasy and magic.

"Harry Potter" has a magnetic lure that moves children away from video games and into bookstores and libraries.

The books should be commended for encouraging children to read, not be reprimanded.

In a recent USA Weekend article, Rowling herself said, "As a child, I read a lot of adult books. I don't think you should censor kids' reading material. It's important just to let them go do what they need to do."

Through books, children can explore the endless road to fantasy and imagination: their minds.

"I don't believe in the kind of magic that appears in my books, but I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book," said Rowling.

Open-mic night at Aldrich Museum

Special to the Spectrum

The Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art invites you to attend their third open-mic series.

Mark your calendars, call a friend, and bring the pages of your most recent work to the Aldrich Museum and enjoy and evening of open-mic talent.

This is a great opportunity to create a collaboration:

poetry accompanied by cello, words with dance and original song, as well as text, can all be part of making this informal space.

The event is from 7-9 p.m. on Dec. 17., is sponsored by Rhyme and Reason.

Seating is limited, so call ahead. For more information, or to reserve your seat, call 438-4519. The Aldrich Museum is located in Ridgefield, Conn.

Much more than music: Black 47 is more than just rock and roll

By Erin Wilbur
Contributing Writer

Strains of Bob Marley float over a crowd of people. The people wear anything from suits and ties to tie-dyes and Birkenstocks.

Some surreal Woodstock maybe? Nope, a Black 47 concert.

Black 47 is a NYC-based band that has gone where no Irish band has gone before.

They have fused reggae, rap, rock, big band and jazz with jigs, reels and slides.

This blend has created quite a cult following.

The year 1985 found Larry Kirwain denouncing rock and roll forever.

However, one music concert changed his life forever.

It was illegally run and politically motivated, but it made him realize that rock and roll still meant something to people.

"It was a small victory, but it made me realize that rock and roll music could still affect social and political change," stated Kirwain on the band's official website.

Later, while enjoying a pint at Paddy Reilly's in the City, he met Chris Byrne.

Together, they developed Black 47.

They were looking for an Irish band that would allow them creative liberty.

"Those first three years were a sweaty, sexy, booze-laden ordeal," said Kirwain.

Black 47 has a distinct fla-

Eileen"), and Thomas Harlin, who brings a mix of African and Latin rhythms, give an eclectic quality to Black 47's music.

The band is a striking contrast to mainstream music. They allow themselves to experiment and promote constant change.

One can hear old Irish drinking songs, politically motivated music reminiscent of the 60's and haunting ballads all within one set.

They have several CD's, including a live mix from a performance given last St. Patrick's Day.

One of the greatest things about the band is that they draw an amazing crowd.

Whether

playing at a local pub, or center stage at Shea Stadium, they bring the same spice to all their concerts.

Black 47 also insists on remaining close to their roots. They play every Saturday in the City.

So if you want to see a band more concerned with the crowd than the almighty dollar, check out Black 47 any Saturday at Connelly's, right around the corner from Grand Central Station. You may be pleasantly surprised.



Contributed Photo

This Black 47 logo appeared in Time Magazine with the caption, "Finally, Rock 'n' Roll means something again!"

vor. You are likely to hear everything from uilleann pipes to the slide trombone on their tracks.

The band members bring so much to their music that it is hard to introduce just one genre.

Byrne, a former police officer for the NYPD, brings a love of rap music to the group.

Fred Parcells, trombone player and graduate of Berkley School of Music, Geoffrey Blythe, saxophone player and member of Dexy's Midnight Runners (famous for "Come on

Jewel releases new holiday album

Special to the Spectrum

Atlantic Records has released an all-new studio album from Jewel, called, "Joy-A Holiday Celebration."

The album features the acclaimed singer/songwriter performing a number of seasonal favorites, as well as new Christmas-themed version of her recent hit, "Hands."

"Joy" includes Jewel's inspired renditions of such Yuletide standards as "Silent Night," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Winter Wonderland," "O Holy Night" among others.

In addition, the album features a moving version of "Ave Maria," as well as a "Gospel Medley" that encompasses the spiritual standard, "Go Tell It On The Mountain," Jewel's own "Life Uncommon," and the Bette Midler classic, "From A Distance."

"Joy" is Jewel's third album, following her to previous releases "Pieces of You" (1995), and "Spirit" (1998), which together sold 19 million copies worldwide.

Jewel, who wrapped up her acclaimed "Spirit" tour in late August, has taped a special holiday installment of PBS's Sessions at West 54th. The pro-

gram will air on PBS stations nationwide in Dec.

She has recently gone the way of the silver screen, however, and is scheduled to appear in Ang Lee's ("The Ice Storm") "Ride With the Devil."

The film will be released On Dec. 10. A remix of Jewel's "What's Simple is True," which is the theme song for the film's end title, is featured in the film's soundtrack.

Always busy, Jewel is also poised to unveil her first full-length home video, titled, "Jewel: A Life Uncommon."

The autobiographical documentary features an hour of archival footage of the artist's life, both on and off the road, as well as revealing interviews with those closest to Jewel.

In addition, the video includes four exclusive live performances of Jewel's April 25, 1999 concert at the Henry Fonda Theater in L.A., benefiting Higher Ground for Humanity, the non-profit organization founded by Jewel and her mother/manager Lenedra Carroll.

Her first collection of poetry, "A Night Without Armor," was released last year, and has been a staple of the New York Times best-seller list, with half-a-million copies in print.

A&E Briefs

At the Outpost this week

SHU students are invited to The Outpost Pub tonight for good music and a good time. Acoustic guitarist Dave Binder will be performing at 10 p.m. in the Pub tonight. Binder is known for his covers of James Taylor, Jimmy Buffet and Dave Matthews Band. As always, the event is free for SHU students.

Tomorrow night, SET is sponsoring a mystery event. Details are obviously a secret, but the event begins at 8 p.m. in the Pub, and big cash prizes can be won.

Holiday favorites

If the phrase "You'll poke your eye out!" automatically makes you laugh, or you find yourself singing, "You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch," then you will enjoy the films that SET has in store for you. "A Christmas Story" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will be shown at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Hawley Lounge. The event is free, and refreshments will be served. Don't miss this chance to catch two great holiday movies.

Everybody cut loose!

Sacred Heart students will have a chance to see the latest stage sensation "Footloose" this Sunday at the Shubert Theater in New Haven. The musical is a stage adaptation of the Kevin Bacon film with the same title. The bus will be leaving from Public Safety at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 for SHU students. For more information, contact Pam Barnum at 371-7846.

Midnight Breakfast

It's that time again. That's right, finals week is quickly approaching. To help relieve some stress, FLIK, Residential Life and Student Activities are sponsoring their semi-annual Midnight Breakfast. From 10 p.m. to 12 a.m., FLIK will be serving bagels, eggs, coffee and a variety of breakfast items to all students in need of a study break.

-Compiled by Frances Moore

'Mile' is long, but goes the distance

By Erik Hanson
Contributing writer

The most anticipated holiday movie will be released tomorrow night.

"The Green Mile," starring Tom Hanks, is director Frank Darabont's long-awaited follow-up to the critically acclaimed "The Shawshank Redemption."

Like "Shawshank," Darabont's latest is also based on a Steven King novel.

"It was too extraordinary a story to ignore," said Darabont in a recent Movieline article. "It made me laugh, moved me, took me on a journey."

The film is set in the 1930's, where it chronicles the relationship between a prison warden, Hanks, and a black inmate, played by Michael Clarke Duncan, who has healing powers. Duncan's character sits on death row, accused of the murder of two girls.

When the casting began for the film, Darabont remembered an encounter with Hanks regarding "Shawshank."

"Gee, I really loved your movie," said Hanks, "If you ever want to work with me, give me a call."

After Darabont finished



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Tom Hanks and Michael Clarke Duncan in director Frank Darabont's latest film since "The Shawshank Redemption."

adapting the novel for the screen, he was encouraged by Steven Spielberg to cast Hanks.

Securing two-time Oscar-winner Hanks in the lead sounds like a sure box-office success, but nothing is guaranteed.

"Shawshank" was nominated for seven Academy Awards, but failed to find an audience.

The length of the film seemed to be a factor that hurt the potential success of the film.

"The Green Mile" could face a similar problem.

"If you're Leonard Maltin, yeah, sure it's too long," said

Darabont.

He added, "I won't speculate what 'The Green Mile' will run, but I promise you it's going to be longer than two hours. People should pee before the houselights dim."

So far, critics have not seemed to mind. The buzz about the film has been very positive.

"The movies I've made so far can't be termed high-concept," said Darabont.

"I can't describe 'Shawshank' in 10 words or less, and I surely can't describe 'Green Mile' that way."

Sports Schedule

Dec. 9 to Dec. 16

TODAY

(W) Basketball vs. Virginia Commonwealth, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

(M) Ice hockey @ Iona, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

(W) Swimming @ Siena, 1 p.m.

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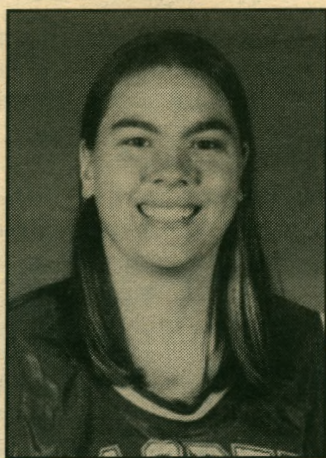
(M) Basketball vs. Cleveland St., 1 p.m.

SUNDAY

(W) Ice Hockey vs. Conn. College, 3 p.m.*

* all men's and women's ice hockey games are played at the Milford Ice Pavilion

SHU Athlete of the Week



Heather Yablonski
Women's Basketball

The senior center on the basketball team was honored in Sunday night's game against Yale for surpassing the 1,000th point mark in the team's loss to Ohio State University. Coach Ed Swanson presented her with the game ball.

With 1,013 cur-

rent points, she is only the seventh Pioneer in history to reach the mark. She is 100 points away from sixth place on SHU's all-time scoring list.

Yablonski is also the fifth leading scorer in the Northeast Conference.

Young leads improved Pioneers on the ice

By Ed Bourget
Contributing Writer

The men's ice hockey team has enjoyed early success this season. Thanks to many new faces, the Pioneers currently hold third place in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference with a 4-3-2 record.

One face has remained the same for the past two years. Derek Young, a 23-year-old senior from Whitby, Ontario, is the

captain of this year's club and has been setting a standard of excellence on the ice.

"It's important to have a captain with strong leadership abilities, especially with a young team," said coach Shaun Hannah.

Sacred Heart currently leads the MAAC in team defense and Young has been the workhorse on the blue line.

Young has proven his versatility on the ice since the coach moved him up to forward two

games ago.

"He had no problems moving from defense to forward," said Hannah. "He didn't complain about the move but did it to benefit the team."

Young holds no reservations about his positioning on the ice. "I like playing wherever I can make the most impact on the team," said Young. "If coach moves me back to defense later in the season, I'll be ready for the move."

Young discovered his natu-

ral talents in hockey since he first skated onto the ice at age seven. His family is the biggest influence in his hockey career as his father and two older brothers also play.

"My dad and my two brothers played hockey so I was always at the rink watching them play," said Young.

Young will be graduating this year with hopes to play in the professional ranks next season. In his spare time, he likes to play gold and raise ostriches

on his farm in Whitby.

"It's my dad's business, so I have to help him out in the summer," said Young about tending to the birds.

"I like ostriches. They are interesting creatures. They are much smarter than people give them credit for," said Young.

Young hopes to lead the Pioneers to a winning season and the next step is this weekend as the team travels to Iona and the University of Connecticut.

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Women: Lady Pioneers back on winning track with win over Bulldogs

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"Brooke Kelly got four offensive rebounds in a row," said Brady. "I mean, for a girl to land and jump and get her own rebound, that is amazing. She left everything she had today on the court."

The freshmen weren't the only contributors in the game either.

Junior Abby Crotty, in her first start, gave a tough performance at the point guard position

with eight points, five assists, and two steals.

"The press I think really got us going and that's what we need," said Crotty. "We're a run and gun team."

The Bulldogs were optimistic going into halftime holding a 36-31 lead.

"This is the first time we've had a lead (at halftime) all season," said Yale coach Amy Backus. "We've been a second half team all year, except for tonight."

"(Brady and Kelly) did a

great job under the boards. This is the first time we've been out-rebounded."

Crotty and Jen Rimkus (11 points) wreaked havoc on the Bulldog guards with the full court press. The Yale coach thought so too.

"We took ourselves out of the game by throwing the ball away," said Backus.

The two were a big reason why Yale turned the ball over 26 times. SHU came away with 14 steals in the game.

A the start of the second

half, the Pioneers found itself quickly in trouble with Brooke Rutnick, Leslie Newhard and Heather Yablonski all picking up their third fouls in the first three and a half minutes of the second half.

But freshman Ashley Durmer got things going with a three-pointer from the corner which sparked a 13-2 run from which the Pioneers would never look back.

Despite Rutnick and Yablonski picking up late fourth fouls, Rimkus came alive with

three layups in the final five minutes to lead another 8-0 charge.

Rutnik, a freshman from Albany, N.Y., leads the team in scoring.

The women are home tonight at 7 p.m. against Virginia Commonwealth.

Sacred Heart then embarks on a three game road trip.

The Pioneers travel to Patriot League member Bucknell before kicking off their Northeast Conference schedule against Quinnipiac and CCSU.

Hoops: Pioneer men drop third close game this season, fall to 1-3

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"I'm not only impressed with Coach Bike as a person, but with his ability to put together a roster full of talent like this in their first Division I year," Giannini added. "They are going to do well in the Northeast Conference."

Bike was not as complimentary. "As a team, are we making the most out of our opportuni-

ties?" Bike asked. "The answer would be no."

"I guess we should give ourselves an F," said Bike when asked about the team's performance to date.

"Our effort, I think, is good. The task at hand is to come up with an answer or a play that will have the game finish to our liking."

SHU junior guard DeVeren Johnson, who led the Pioneers with 17 points off the bench, felt

confident after Reis' layup in the first overtime. "We thought it was in the bag. We had this one," he said. "We were just one play away."

"These teams aren't better than us," added Watson. Watson scored 13 points and collected eight rebounds.

Two of his points came off a monster slam in the game's opening minutes.

The 6-7 Watson, who boasts a 40-inch vertical leap, snared an

offensive rebound above the white square on the backboard and left the basket shaking.

Junior center Tim Welch scored 12 points and collected a game-high 11 rebounds.

Welch is eighth among all NCAA Division I players in rebounding, averaging 11.3 per game.

This Saturday, Rollie Massimino brings Cleveland State to the Pitt Center for the first game of a home and home

series this season. Tip-off is at 1 p.m.

Massimino, whose club defeated Sacred Heart 87-82 last season, rose to fame in 1985 by coaching the underdog Villanova Wildcats to a 66-64 win over Georgetown in the national championship game.

The Pioneers face Harvard at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Pitt Center. SHU hopes to avenge last year's 79-64 loss in Boston.

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Sports



Young talent leads Pioneer women past Yale

By Kelly-Ann Franklin
Sports Editor

After a slow start, the women's basketball team seems to have found its strength--youth.

"At one time today I looked out there and there was four freshmen," said coach Ed Swanson. "And I'm saying to myself, 'what am I thinking?'"

"We're going to have to learn from that and the only way to learn from that is by doing it."

Starting two freshmen, a sophomore, a junior and a senior Swanson's group managed two big runs in the second half Sunday night to scoot past Yale University 72-62.

Leading the charge were freshmen Brooke Kelly and Tara Brady.

Kelly pulled down 12 rebounds and 15 points for her first double-double off the bench. Brady scored 14 points.

According to Swanson, Brady worked hard all week in practice.

"We had four good days of practice and I thought the most

evident of that was Tara Brady," said Swanson. "I told her on Thursday 'Tara you practiced hard Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday', I told her you better go in the whirlpool with a bottle of champagne.' She played the way she practiced."

Coming off of two blow-out losses to Ohio State (98-66) and Harvard (83-55) last weekend, the women would go a week without facing another opponent, giving them time to figure out what was going on.

"I've worked harder this week than any other week, in however many years of playing basketball," said Brooke Kelly. "We showed a lot more effort this week in practice."

Brady felt the same way.

"We practiced so hard all week," said Brady. "Coach really got on us after last weekend, I ran more this week than I've ever run in my life."

Brady felt that the biggest part of the game was the extra effort given by the players, especially Kelly.

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Photo by Matt Duda

Senior guard Jennifer Rimkus prepares to drive on Yale defender Meghan Houlihan.



Photo by Matt Duda

Donte Lloyd defends Maine's Andy Bedard during Saturday's game at the Pitt Center.

Bears sneak by Pioneer men

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

If Sacred Heart's men's basketball team decides to form a band, it may dub itself Dave Bike and the Heartbreakers.

The Pioneers have lost half their contests this season in double-overtime. The other two games were decided in the final seconds.

"It's déjà vu," said junior forward Collin Watson after SHU dropped a 76-70 decision to Maine in double-overtime

Saturday at the Pitt Center. "We had our chances. It just didn't work out for us."

SHU, now 1-3, appeared to have the game won after junior point guard Kurt Reis' three-point play with 29 seconds left in the first overtime gave the Pioneers a 65-60 lead.

Maine guard Huggy Dye drove for a layup with 20 seconds remaining to narrow the margin.

Watson then missed the front end of a 1-and-1 allowing Maine forward Nate Fox to drain a buzzer beating 3-pointer

to extend the game five more minutes.

The Black Bears' comeback took an emotional toll on SHU. The Pioneers never truly contested the America East opponent in the second overtime.

"There's no doubt that when that guy made that three...that hurt," Bike said.

Maine head coach John Giannini said that Sacred Heart earned his respect. "After looking at tape, I knew this would be every bit as hard as it was," Giannini said.

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Track teams open with pair of wins

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart's men's and women's indoor track teams won the first meet they participated in this season last Sunday.

Both teams took the top spot in at the Collegiate Track Conference Indoor Relay Carnival at Southern Connecticut State.

The men finished with 55 points, the women with 59.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the women have won this meet, and the third straight year for the men.

Notable finishes for the men included a first place spot for the sprint medley relay, which was composed of freshmen Dean Hanafin and Brian Koch along with sophomores John Sakowich and Tony DiCerbo.

The high jump relay and the 2 x 1 mile race walk relay also bested the competition.

School records were broken in the sprint medley relay, the 4 x 200 meter relay and the second-place 4 x 400 meter relay team.

Sophomore Gaetano Marra won the high jump with a 6'6

3/4" leap.

"We had some great relay performance in this meet," said coach Christian Morrison. "I was particularly impressed with the composure and competitiveness demonstrated by some of our athletes."

The women broke seven school records en route to their win. The women's sprint medley relay broke the school record by over five seconds.

Junior Brandi Blevins broke the individual school record for the weight throw and is automatically qualified for the New England Championships in both that even and the shot put.

The 2 x 5000 meter relay team, consisting of freshman Suzy D'Angelo and senior Jenn McGovern, broke the school record with a time of 29:53.

Among other records set by the women were time posted by the shuttle hurdle relay, the shot put relay and the long jump relay.

"We've been building tradition here over the past several years, and this group of athletes continued it with a couple of nice team wins," said Morrison. "Now we'll work for success in our bigger meets later in the season."